Leicester, Mass. Nov. 19. 1855.

Dear Mr. Webb —

As I am writing a few lines to Mr. Thomas and Miss Esther (Bristol), I will enclose a brief answer to your most acceptable letter of Oct. 19. — Rec^d. Nov. 4. — The draft on N. York for £21.17,11 came safely, and is credited to you, at the rate of $4.80 to the p^d. £, which was rather better than I expected to do, as the Boston broker took all risk of collection, or rather of loss of draft, fluctuation of exchange, which is low now, &c. I will send you an abstract of my account soon. — Mr. Wallcut accepts your statement of Dr. Hutton's account, & has made his books conform. —

I trust you have, long ere this, received the parcel of "Reports of Am. A. S. Society", &c. sent per ship "Chatsworth."

I have again solicited Gay to send you a list, poor & imperfect as it must be, of the foreign ~~subscribers~~ subscribers to Standard, giving you carte blanche to say how far each subscriber has paid, in those cases where Gay's books do not indicate this; — thus, starting anew, in each case, from a fixed point. I hope he will do it. — I have also begged him to send you, in a separate list, the names of such as have the paper free of charge.

I have paid to Mr. Wallcut, Mr. Mawson's £5. - He holds it liable to correction, when we hear from Mr. M. more particularly.

I jumped up & clapped my hands on reading your words "Anna Richardson has entirely declined the offered visit of John Griffith". What a mortification to J. G.! An offered visit declined, - and by one of F. D.'s oldest & staunchest allies! I think she couldn't have had a harder blow. I rejoice, because I am sure she is endeavoring to prop up falsehood, selfishness, & hostility to Freedom.

Mr. Garrison well remembers Mrs. Maria Weston. He endorses all you say of her.

Mr. Wallcut says he had never been informed before of the change in Wm: Shortt's address

Garrison & well all highly appreciated your article in the 'Advocate' on that piece in the "Empire". I believe G. copied it in Liberator. - Between you & me, Mr. G. wrote several weeks since a full & plain letter to Mr. Thompson. I hope something will come of it; - no answer, yet - hardly time for it. -

I am very glad to read the pleasant account you give of your Son. I have not seen H. C. Wright since receiving it, to let him share the satisfaction.

As to the bit of De Quincey's volumes as published by Ticknor & Co. - I took the bit & your letter to their Bookstore, and

they would be very happy to fill the order, provided your friend in London will take all the risk; but the books would be almost certain to be seized at Liverpool. We know how strict your revenue-officers are in enforcing the law, against admission of any books which are also published in England. Ticknor & Co. say that De Quincey is now publishing a set of his works, himself. — If your London friend will assume the risk, the books will go. Ticknor & Co. suggest that he might get De Q.'s written permission for a set to pass the C. house — if he thought it worth while to take that trouble. —

I hoped to be able to write Pillsbury by this Mail, but it is impossible.

You will see that Passmore Williamson is at large. We fear he made too great concessions to Judge Kane, and that all future slave-cases in Philadelphia will go the harder for it.

Mr. Weston, father of Mrs. Chapman, & our dear Anne W, & the rest, died at Weymouth on the 3d Nov. Anne is greatly overwhelmed by this loss. It is the first death which ever occurred in their home circle — parents & eight children!

Mrs. Chapman has been constantly expected, for several weeks - but has not yet arrived.

I hope the Donations to the "Advocate" come in well. The ~~French~~ English &c friends (I think) should not let it die, nor allow its burden to rest on a few of you. - If you think that it would be expedient for us to turn any of our funds to its support, say so frankly, and I will lay it before our friends here.

A fortnight since Francis Jackson (who has been in poor health a long time) was declared, by his physician, to have a tumour in his stomach, which had ruptured. It was thought by the physician, that he would not live six weeks, - probably not 3. This was a stunning blow to us. For the last 3 or 4 days he has been much more comfortable - but that I fear will be but temporary. We could hardly meet with a greater loss here, than his death would be. - Garrison has been quite ill, with a feverish attack; - better when I left town a few days since. -

The rest of us, as usual. - I intend soon sending to you a parcel of the Pamphlet of Proceedings at our late Anniversary Meeting in Boston, of the Pro Slavery Mob of 1835 - for distribution among our transatlantic Co-workers & friends. With sincere respects to your wife - Truly Yours, Sam. May